

Changes to FPDS reporting re: Performance Based Service Contracts (PBSC)

OMB issued a policy memo titled 'Increasing the Use of Performance-Based Service Acquisitions' on September 7, 2004 with an effective date of October 1, 2004. OA&MM will be issuing an Information Letter covering the complete details of this memo shortly. In the event the IL is not available prior to October 1, 2004 there are a few changes that effect FPDS reporting.

When reporting FPDS data for FY 2005, if more than 50 percent of the requirement is performance-based report the action as performance based. NOTE: This is a decrease from 80% to 50% of the solicitation requirements.

FAR 37.102 continues to exclude the following activities eligible for PBSC:

- Architect-engineer services acquired in accordance with 40 U.S.C. 541-544 (part 36) PSC C***
- Construction (part 36) PSC Y***
- Utility services (part 41)- S1**
- Services incidental to supply purchases

Additionally, if your office funds a Performance Based Service Contract awarded by another agency (where VA does not prepare the FPDS entry) VA has been asked to submit a special report. At this time the report has not been designed so some manner of identifying the contract within your office is suggested.

PBSC guidance is available at www.arnet.gov. The title of the information is Seven Steps to Performance-Based Service Acquisition Guide. The results of the FAR request for public comment (July 21, 2004) for these changes may be found at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/procurement/0703pbsat.pdf.